

**Notice of Allowability**

Application No.

10/010,748

Examiner

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to amendment filed on 11/2/2005.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 32-62.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
  - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some\* c) ☐ None of the:
    1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
  - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
    - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

**Attachment(s)**

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| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)   | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)            |
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| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit<br>of Biological Material                         | 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance   |
|  | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____.   |

### **DETAILED ACTION**

This office action is in response to the amendments filed on 11/02/2005. Claims 1-31 have been cancelled. Claims 32-62 have been added.

#### ***Allowable Subject Matter***

Claim 32-62 allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance. The present invention is directed to a method, system and apparatus for a filter based attribute value providing access control at a directory server. More specifically, independent claims 32, 42, 52 and 62 recite similar claim language identifying uniquely distinct features: an acceptability criterion for operations on the target entity, wherein the acceptability criterion specifies a set of one or more acceptable values for an attribute of the target entity; then determining whether the operation violates the acceptability criterion by determining whether the operation modifies the attribute value to a value outside the set. The closest prior art, Netscape Directory Server Administrator's Guide, Version 3.0 (herein referred to as Reference A), disclose a filter based attribute value providing access control at the directory server. However, Reference A does not teach an access control specification identifying acceptable values for an attribute of the target entity, further allowing or denying access based on determining whether the operation modifies the attribute value to a value outside the set. The prior art, taken singly or in combination, fails to anticipate or fairly suggest the limitation of applicant's independent claim, in such a manner that a rejection under 35 U.S.C. 102 or 103 would be proper.

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The claimed invention is therefore considered to be in condition for allowance as being novel and nonobvious over prior art.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

### ***Conclusion***

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications should be directed to Nima Khomassi whose telephone number is (571) 272-3775. The examiner can normally be reached Monday-Friday from 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Gilberto Barron Jr., can be reached at (571) 272-3799.

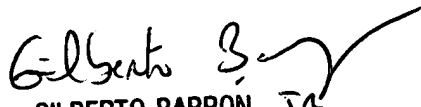
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